

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR WORK APPROVAL

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808 Detroit, Michigan 48226

APPLI	CATI	ON	ID

HDC2025-00183

Detroit, Michigan 40220	TIDG2023-00103			
PROPERTY INFORMATION				
ADDRESS(ES): 709 and 719 Seward				
HISTORIC DISTRICT: New Center Area				
SCOPE OF WORK: (Check ALL that apply)				
Windows/ Walls/ Painting Siding	Roof/Gutters/ Chimney Porch/Deck/Balcony Other			
X Demolition Signage New Building	Addition Site Improvements (landscape, trees, fences, patios, etc.)			
BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	<u> </u>			
Demolition of existing single family home and re-zone for a parking lot to benefit existing tenants in a high density area of the district.				
APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION				
TYPE OF APPLICANT: Property Owner/Homeowner				
NAME: Garrity Guenther Langs	COMPANY NAME: 700 Seward Detroit LLC			
ADDRESS: 700 Seward	CITY: Detroit STATE: MI ZIP: 48202			
PHONE: +1 (313) 378-5506	EMAIL: garrity@buildwithgg.com			
I AGREE TO AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWI	NG:			
I understand that the failure to upload all required documentation may result in extended review times for my project and/or a denied application.				
I understand that the review of this application by the Historic District Commission does not waive my responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances including obtaining appropriate permits (building, sign, etc.) or other department approvals prior to beginning the work.				
I hereby certify that I am the legal owner and occupant of the subject property and that the information on this application is true and correct.				
Garrity Guenther Langs	700 Seward Detroit LLC			
Garrity Guenther langs	4/16/2025			
D00060D\$07C04D3 SIGNATURE	DATE			
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NOTE: Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required. See www/detroitmi.gov/hdc

for scope-specific requirements.

PROJECT DETAILS - TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Instructions: Add project details using the text box in each section. If your details exceed the space provided, attach the details via the attachment icon for that section.

ePLANS PERMIT NUMBER:

(only applicable if you've already applied for permits through ePLANS)

N/A

GENERAL

1. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITION

Please tell us about the current appearance and conditions of the areas you want to change. You may use a few sentences or attach a separate prepared document on the right. (For example, "existing roof on my garage is covered in gray asphalt shingles in poor condition.")

Please refer to attached addenda for a full description, aerial photos and sanborn maps.



2. PHOTOGRAPHS

Help us understand your project. Please attach photographs of all areas where work is proposed.



3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In this box, tell us about what you want to do at the areas described above in box #1. (For example, Install new asphalt shingle roofing at garage.)

Requesting permission to demolish existing single family home and re-zone the parcel for parking. The adjacent parcel is a old parking lot. We are seeking to combine the two and provide new, safe, well landscaped parking for the residents of the area. Rehabilitating the existing structure is very costly and would not make economic sense given the property values in the area. The PO is requesting demolition due to economic hardship not structural failure.

4. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

In this box, please describe all steps necessary to complete the work described in box #3. (For example, "remove existing shingles, replace wood deck as necessary, replace wood eaves, install roof vents, replace rotted fascia boards, paint, clean worksite.")

This application would only include the demolition and approval to re-zone. The future scope of work for the construction of the parking lot would be submitted to HDC for review and approval. The parking lot would comply with all siteline, landscaping, green space and drainage requirements of the City of Detroit and the local HDC.

5. BROCHURES/CUT SHEETS

Please provide information on the products or materials you are proposing to install. For example, a brochure on the brand and color of the shingles proposed.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS			
7. DEMOLITION If demolition is proposed for reasons of structural failure or catastrophic damage, please provide illustrated report from structural engineer or licensed architect.			

700 Seward Detroit LLC

700 Seward, attn Building Management Detroit, MI 48202

3/31/2025

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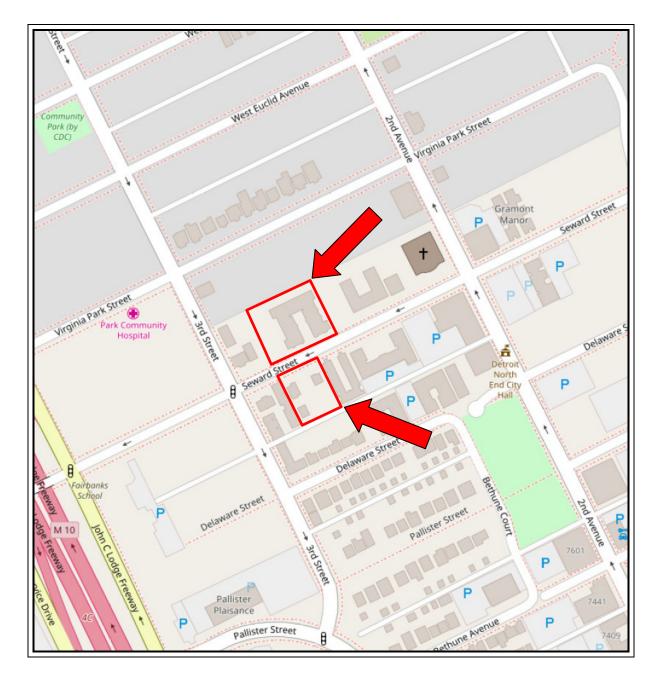


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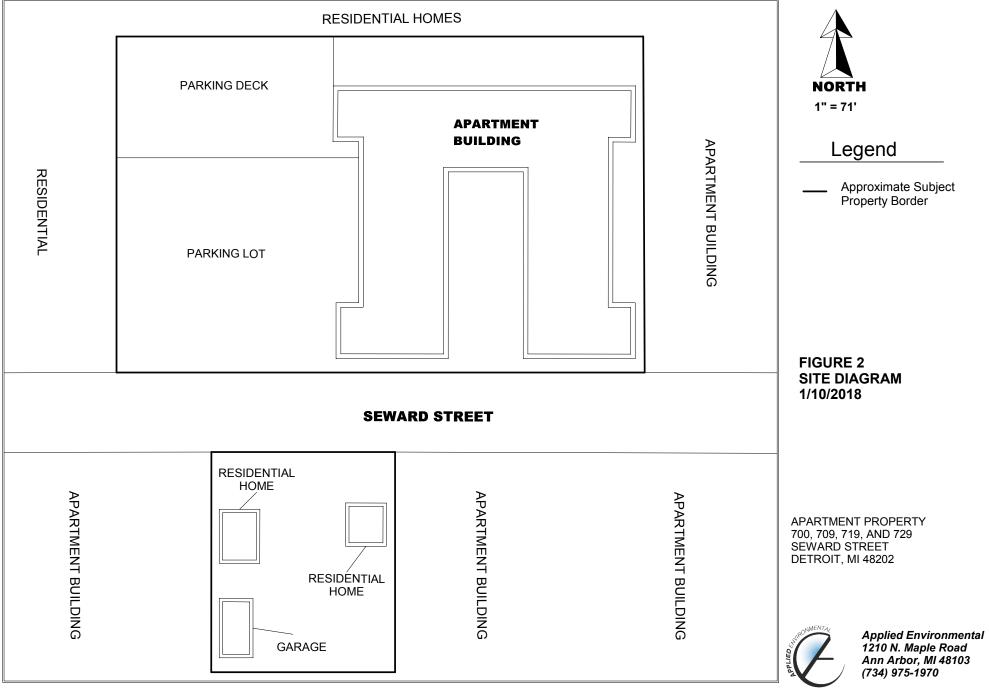
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Source: Bing Maps



18-3007PI - SITE DIAGRAM



Figure 3 2016 Aerial Photograph



Apartment Property 700, 709, 719, and 729 Seward Street Detroit, Michigan 48202

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North Scale: 1" = 500'



Figure 4 1973 Aerial Photograph



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Figure 5 1956 Aerial Photograph



APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL

1210 North Maple Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 975-1970 Apartment Property 700, 709, 719, and 729 Seward Street Detroit, Michigan 48202

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Figure 6 1937 Aerial Photograph



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Certified Sanborn® Map Report

01/03/18

Site Name: Client Name:

700 Seward Street Applied Env., Inc.
700 Seward Street 1210 North Maple Road
Detroit, MI 48202 Ann Arbor, MI 48103-0000
EDR Inquiry # 5149320.1 Contact: Allison Wysocki



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Project 700 Seward Street

Maps Provided:

2002	1950
1996	1925
1991	1915
1989	1910
1977	
1961	
1957	
1952	



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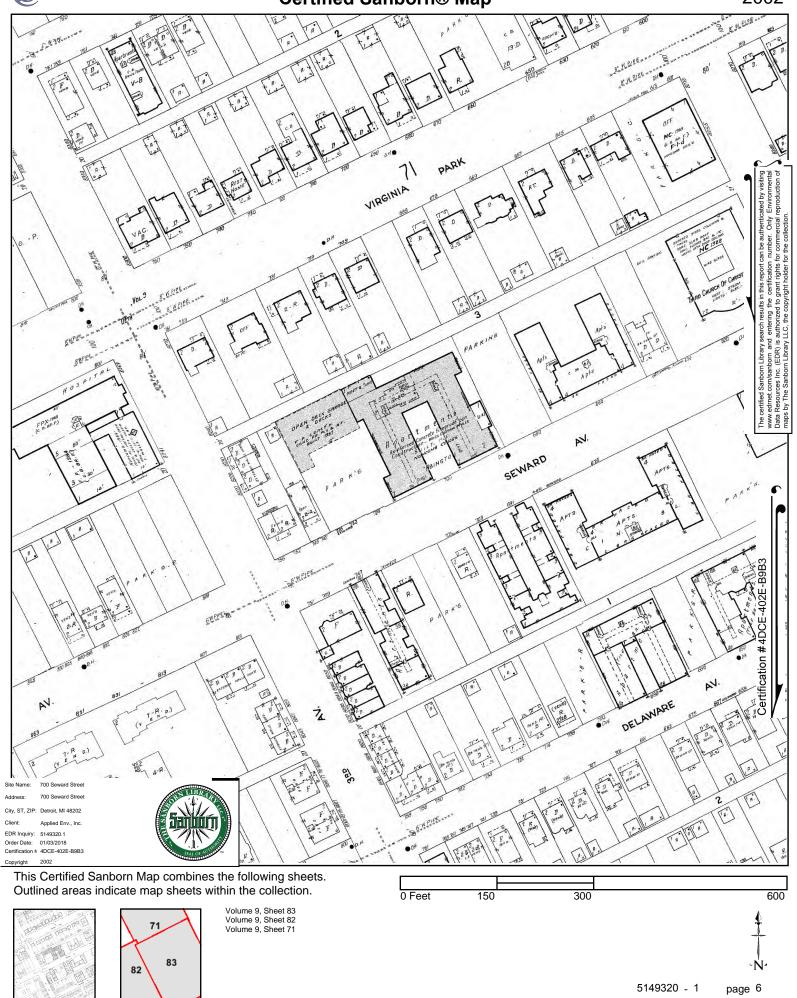
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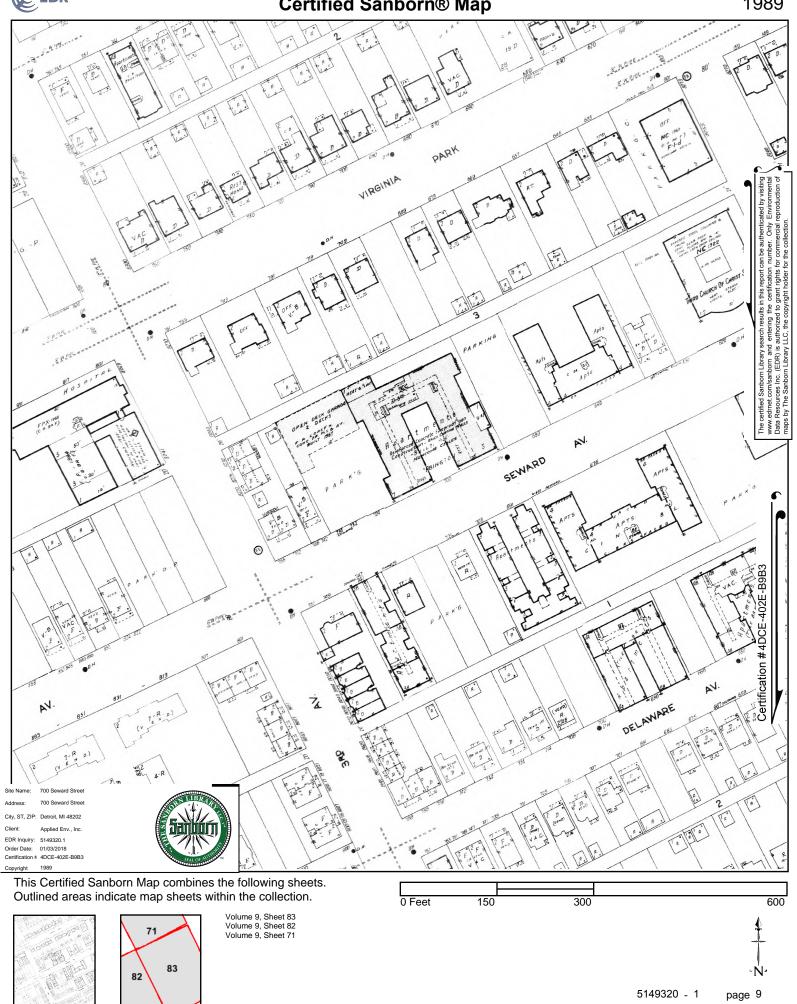
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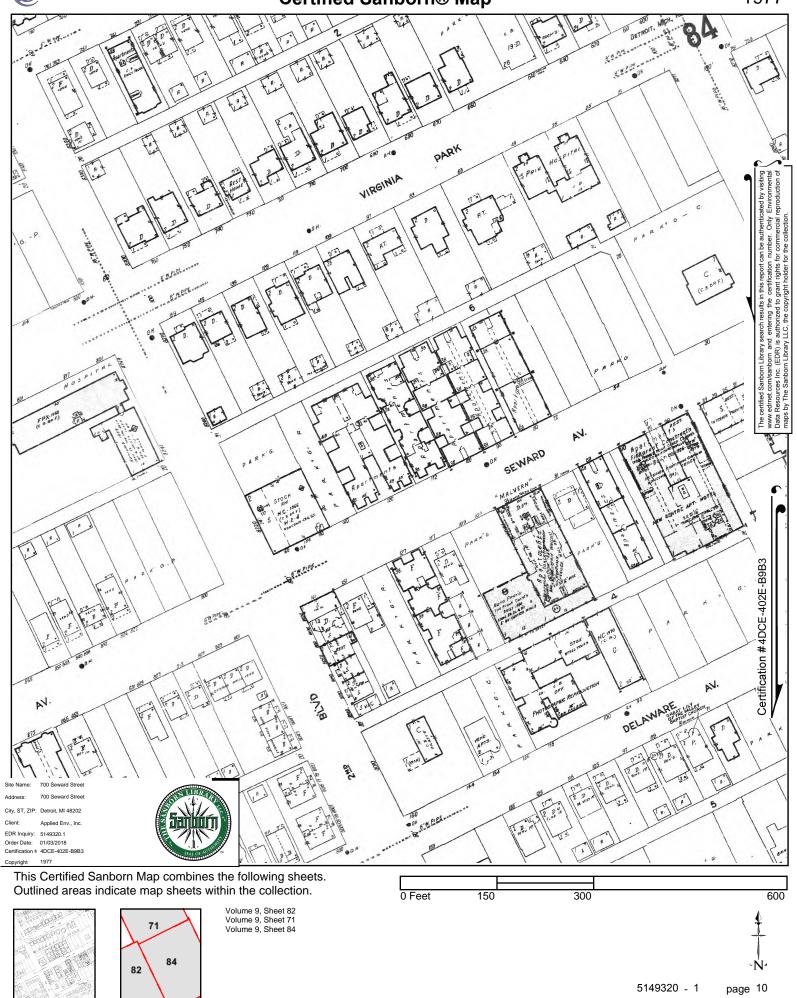
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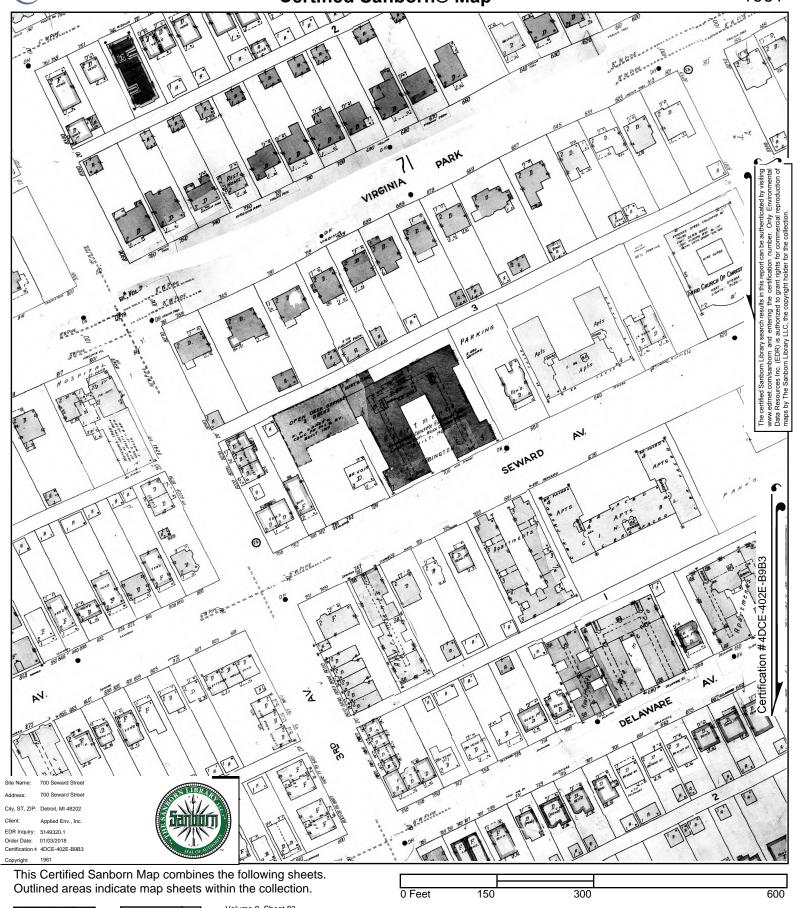
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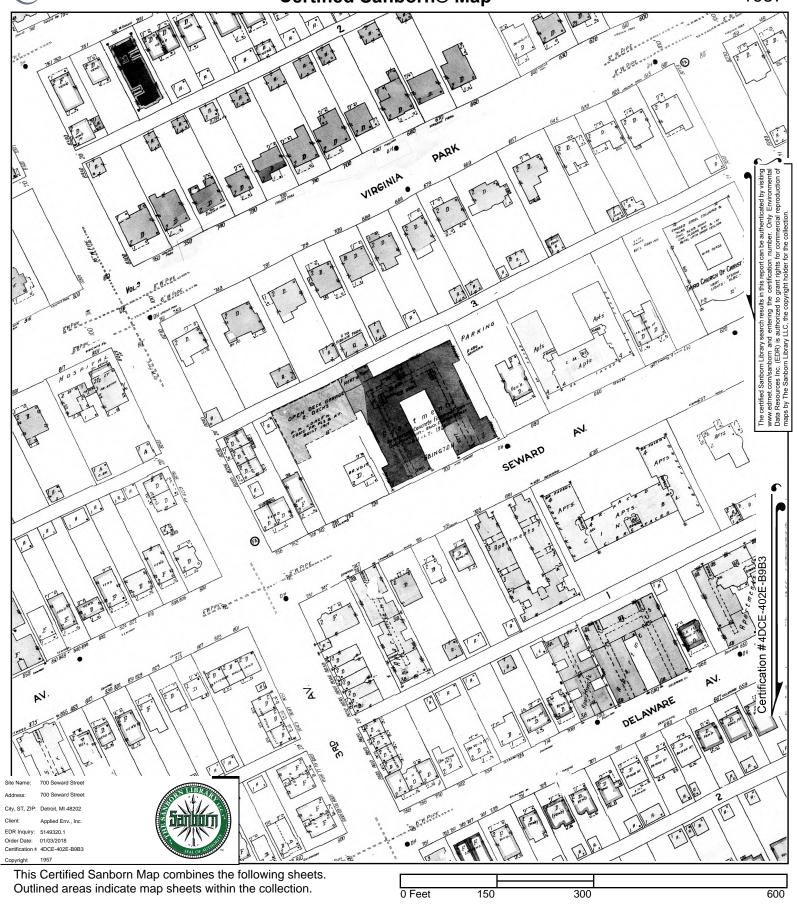






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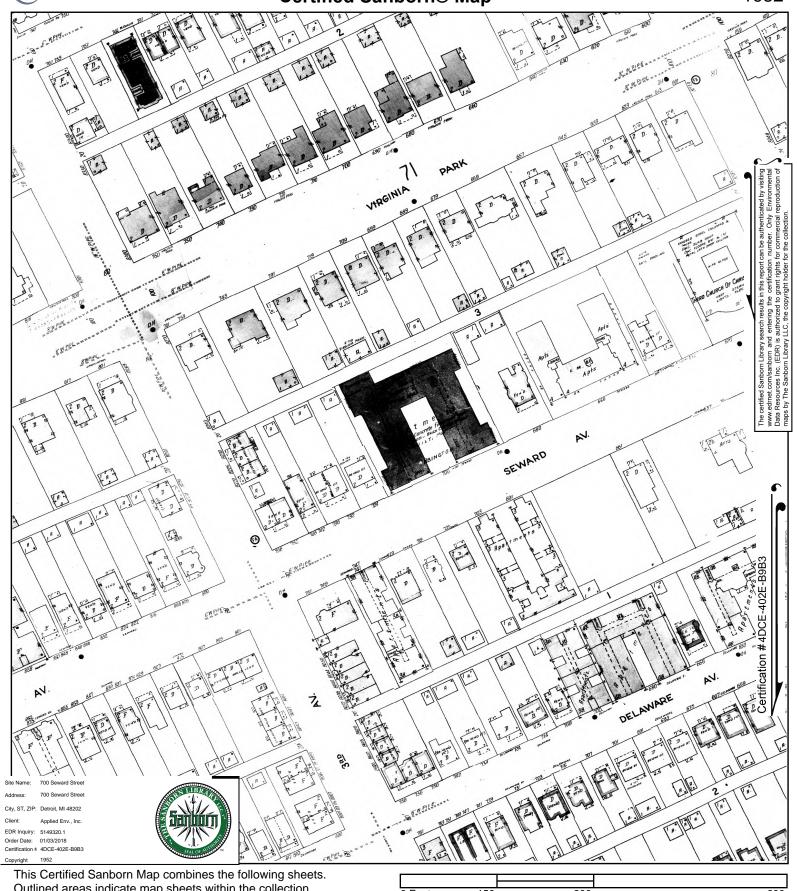






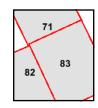
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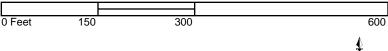


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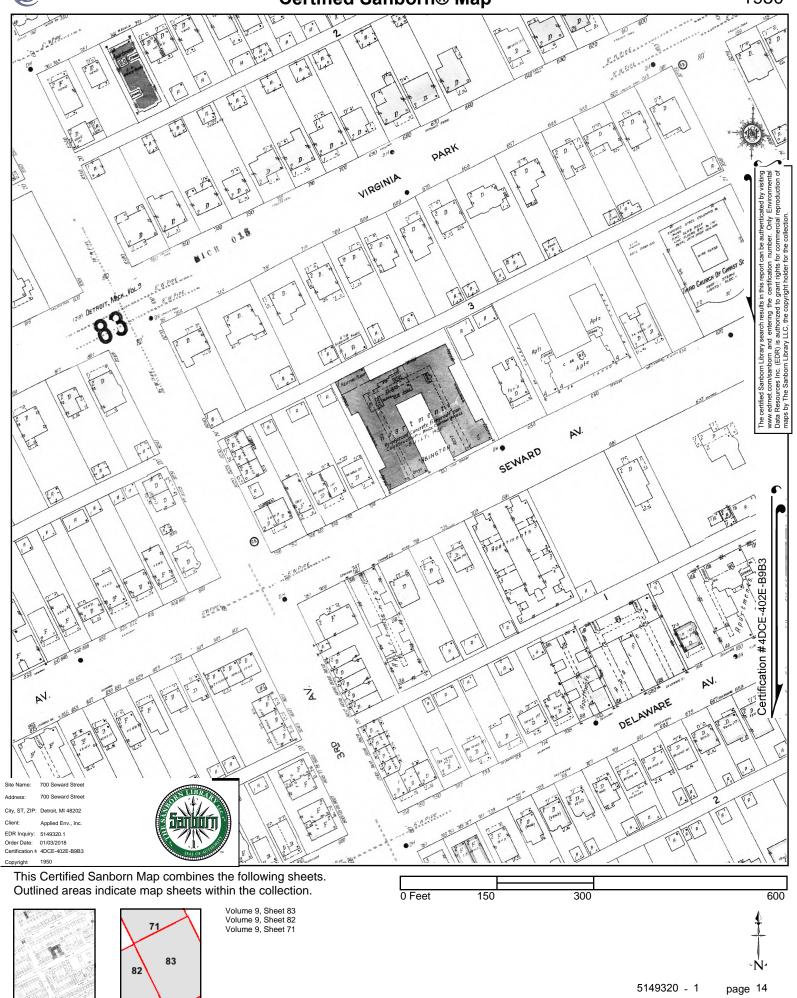




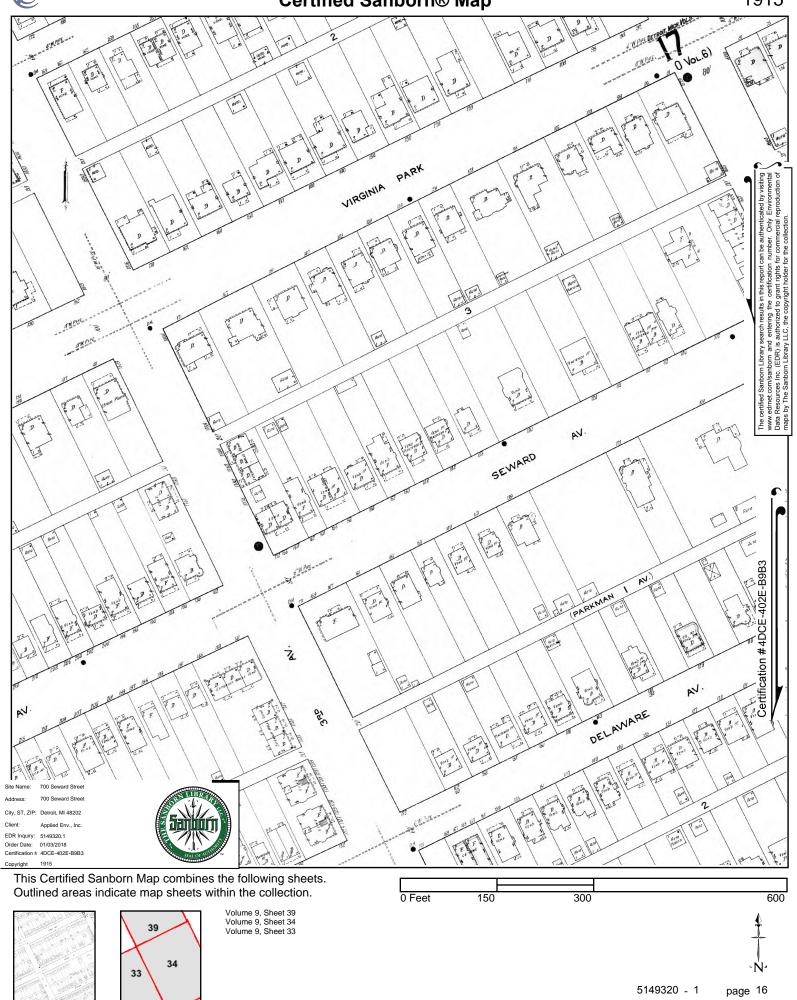
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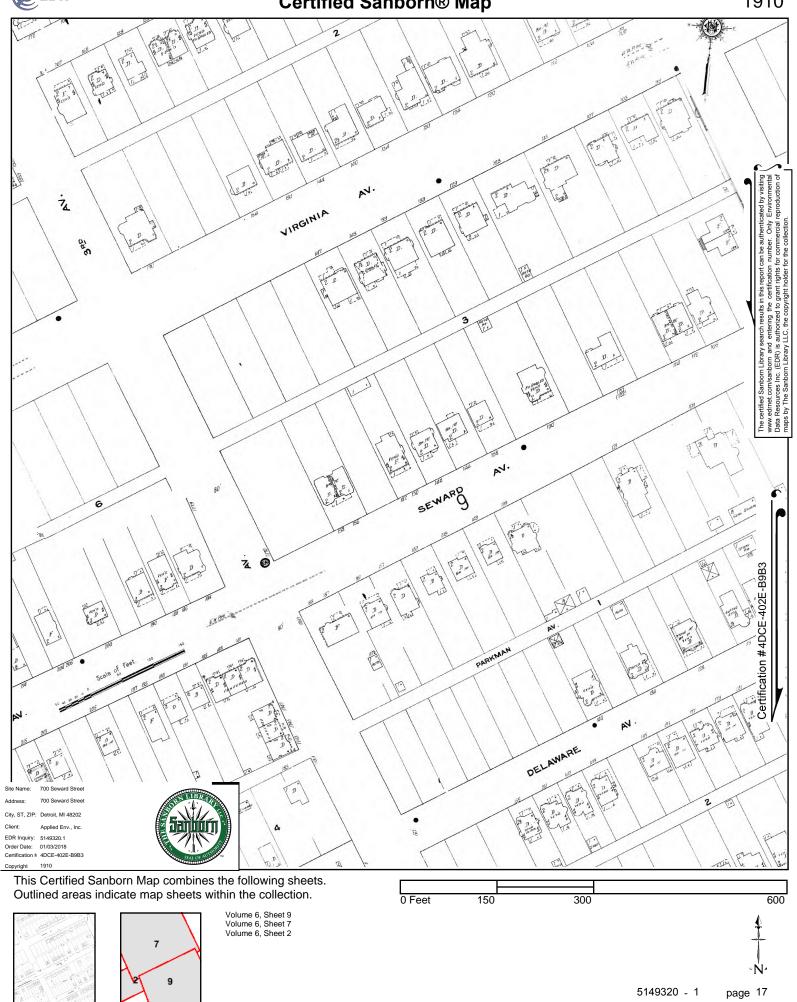












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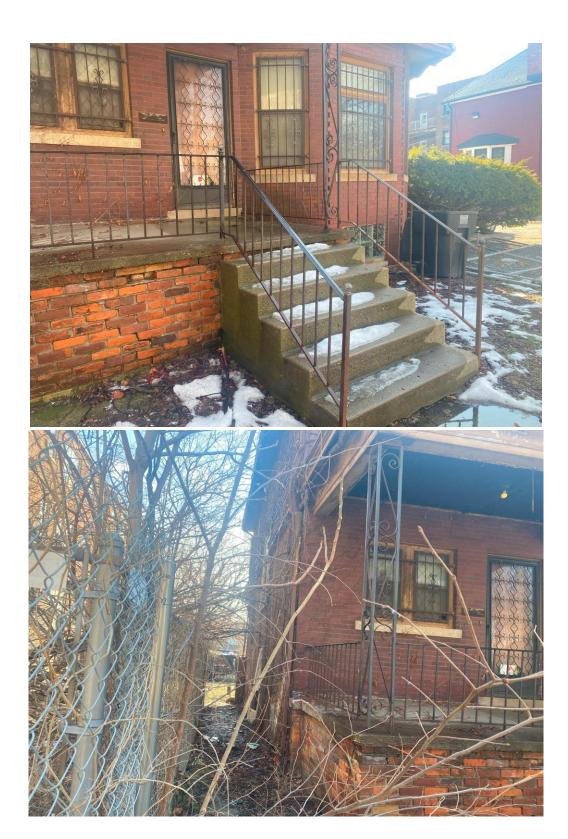














Economics of Demolition vs. Rehabilitation

Economic Data

1. 709 Seward was purchased as a part of 700 Seward for a lump sum value. All properties owned by the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church were sold in a lump sum cash deal. The cost of 709 Seward's acquisition was not broken out by the seller or the buyer. The parcel was purchased on January 9th 2018 from the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church. The Owner of Record is 700 Seward Detroit. The applicant is Garrity Guenther Langs, the Owner's hired local representative. There is no relationship between the Owner of Record and the prior owner beyond the sale of the property. There is no relationship between the Applicant and the prior owner.

Annual gross and net income: this property is not occupiable and generates no income.

There is no balance on a mortgage or other financing secured for the property.

Real Estate Taxes for previous 4 years

2021 Real Estate Taxes - info not on file

2022 Real Estate Taxes – info not on file

2023 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,633.90

2024 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,772.90

2025 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,862.90

<u>Assessed Value for previous 4 years</u>

2021 Assessed Value – info not on file

2022 Assessed Value – info not on file

2023 Assessed Value – \$70,700

2024 Assessed Value - \$108,000

2025 Assessed Value – 132,100

No appraisals have been obtained for this property.

This property is owned by 700 Seward Detroit LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation.

- 2. The property is not in sellable or rentable condition, there is no listing of this property online.
- 3. Feasibility of alternative uses for the property that could generate a reasonable economic return:

The alternative use for this property would be to rehabilitate the existing building and either sell or rent that property. Estimates for the rehabilitation of this property range from \$550-\$650,000. The income from a future rent or sale of the property do not justify that level of investment.

Estimated Market Values

- a. In current condition \$132,100 (per tax assessors office)
- After completion of the proposed demolition \$10,000 (prior to construction as a new parking lot, this figure is per the tax assessors office assessment of 719 Seward)
- c. After renovation of the existing property for continued use (if rehabilitated as a single family home) Based on sales comparable completed in the past 12 months within a 3 block radius, the property market value could be between \$95,000 and \$200,000.

709 Seward - Historic Home Rehabilitation

Preliminary Cost Estimate
Prepared 4/16/2025



Build with GG, LLC

2990 W Grand Blvd, Suite M21 Detroit, MI 48202 313-378-5506

Total Hard Costs\$ 643,362.72Total Soft Costs\$ 37,433.63Grand Total Development Costs\$ 680,796.35

HARD COST BUDGET

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Trade Description	Budget		Notes
Demolition	\$	18,500.00	
Town Doof Dust still	Φ.	7 500 00	the existing roof is damaged structurally and the wood framing
Temp Roof Protection	\$	7,500.00	needs replacement. A temp roof will be required during construction to further protect the house.
Abatement	\$	12,500.00	
Foundation Repair	\$	8,500.00	existing foundation is cracked in two locations
Masonry Restoration	\$	26,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Interior	\$	32,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Roof Replacement	\$	55,000.00	
Roofing	\$	16,000.00	
Foundation Waterproofing	\$	4,500.00	
Window Opening Flashing	\$	6,500.00	the existing windows have no flashing which would expose the
	•	,	house to further damage. existing wood windows are deteriorated, assumed new windows
Window Replacement	\$	32,000.00	-
			HDC
Painting - Exterior	\$	25,000.00	exterior paint color to be within HDC standard for this district
Painting - Interior	\$	40,000.00	
Landscaping	\$	10,000.00	
Fencing	\$	10,000.00	assumed wood fence painted in HDC approved color
Finish Carpentry	\$	45,000.00	
Tile & Stone	\$	12,500.00	
New Kitchen Cabinets, Countertops	\$	12,500.00	
Appliances	\$	5,000.00	
Plumbing	\$	35,000.00	
Electrical	\$	55,000.00	
Mechanical	\$	45,000.00	
Flooring	\$	32,000.00	
Subtotal Subcontractor Costs	\$	546,000.00	
General Conditions	\$	54,600.00	
Fee	\$	24,024.00	
Insurance	\$	18,738.72	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	643,362.72	

SOFT COST BUDGET

Trade Description	Bud	lget	Notes
Architect Fee	\$	15,000.00	
MEP Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Structural Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Landscaping Fee	\$	1,500.00	
City of Detroit Permitting	\$	6,433.63	
Utility Costs	\$	7,500.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	37,433.63	

Seward SFH Comps (April 2024 - April 2025)

Address	Beds	Baths	Size	Og List	List	Close	\$/ft	DOM
509 Englewood	5	1	1550	\$120,000	\$95,000	\$75,000	\$48	32
801 Euclid	4	1.1	1709	\$89,900	\$89,900	\$93,000	\$54	20
728 Philadelphia	4	1.1	1704	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$114	12
743 Virginia Park	5	3.1	3715	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$210,000	\$57	52
680 Virginia Park	4	2.1	4165	\$429,900	\$429,900	\$376,800	\$90	93
Average			2569	\$219,760	\$214,760	\$189,760	\$73	42
Median			1709	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$57	32

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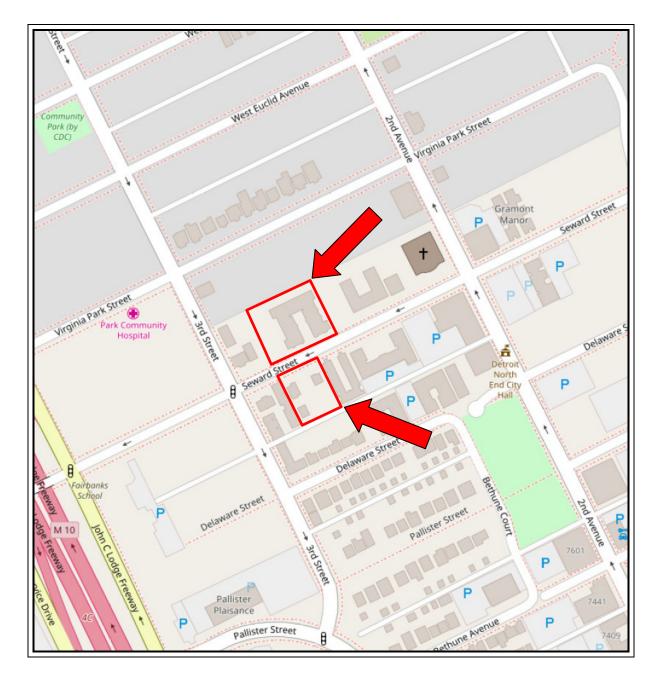


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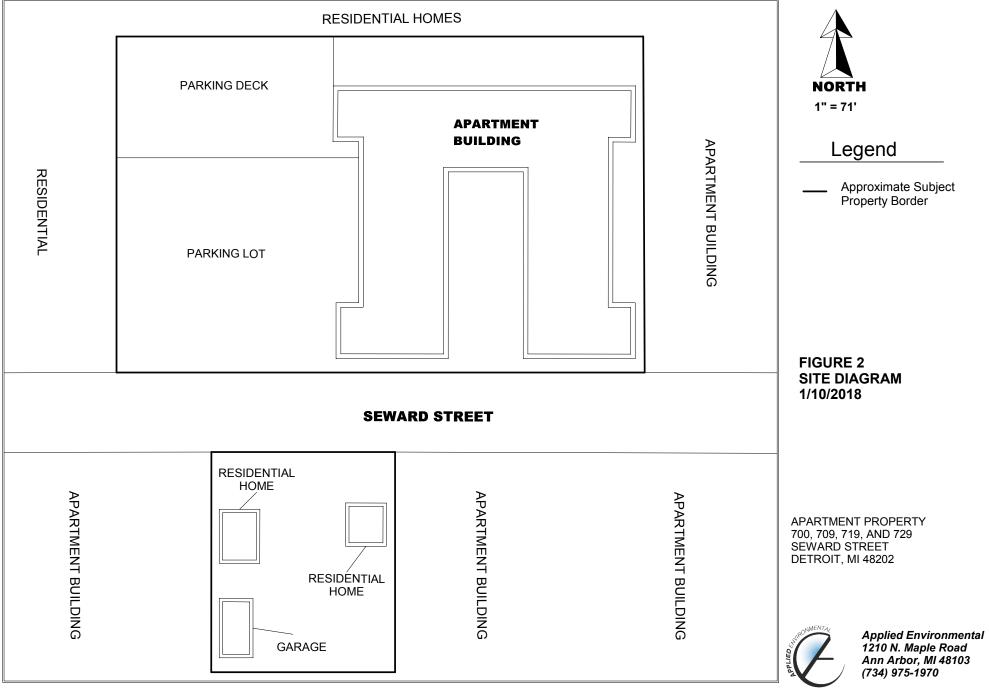
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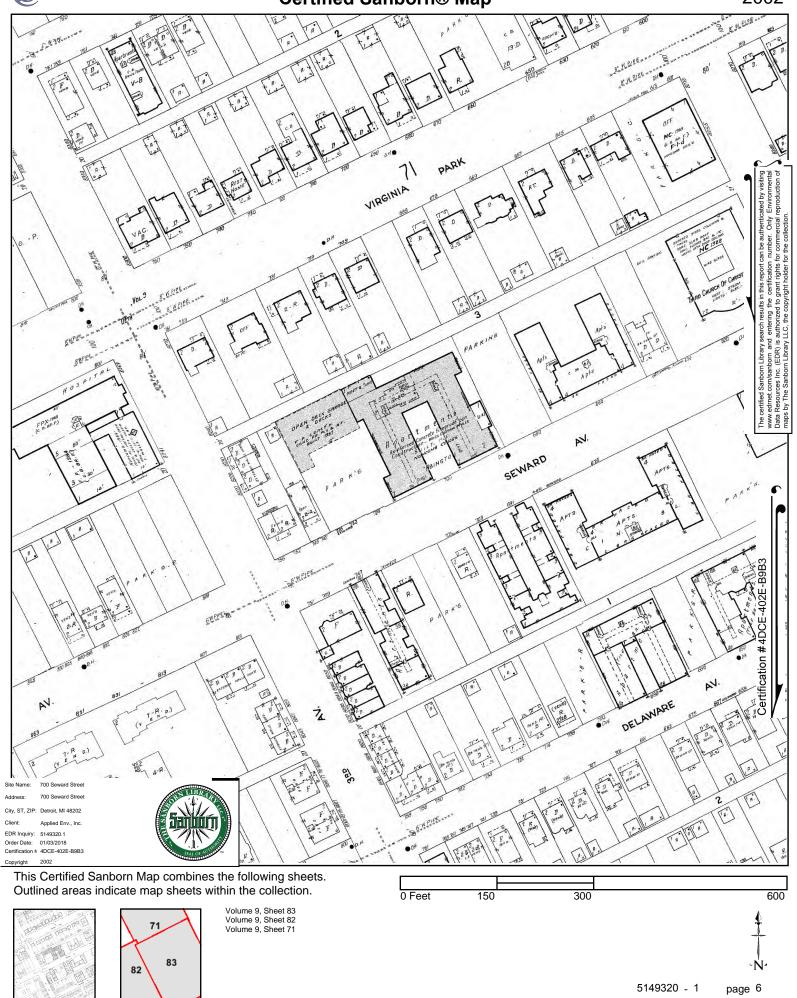
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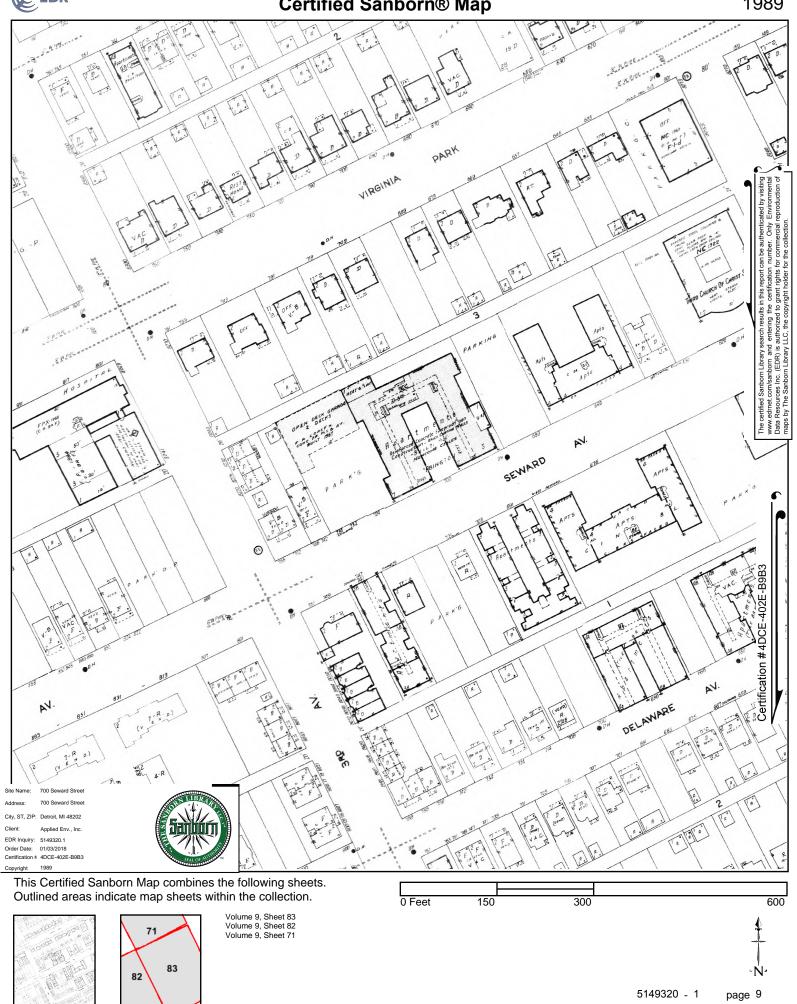
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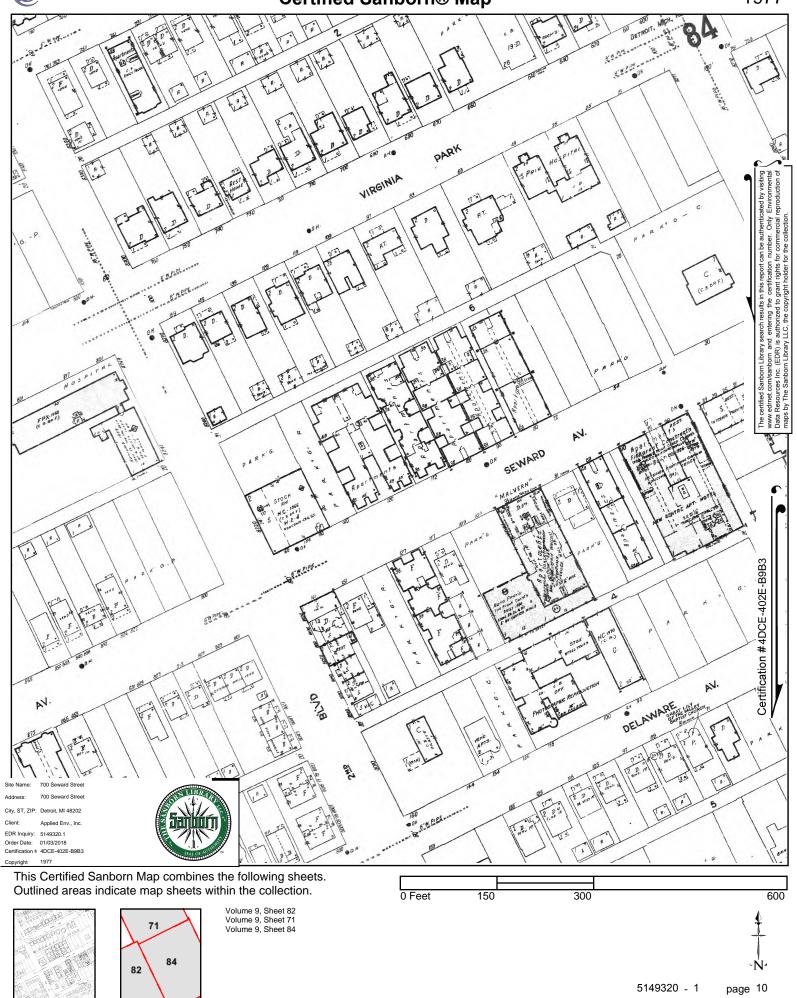
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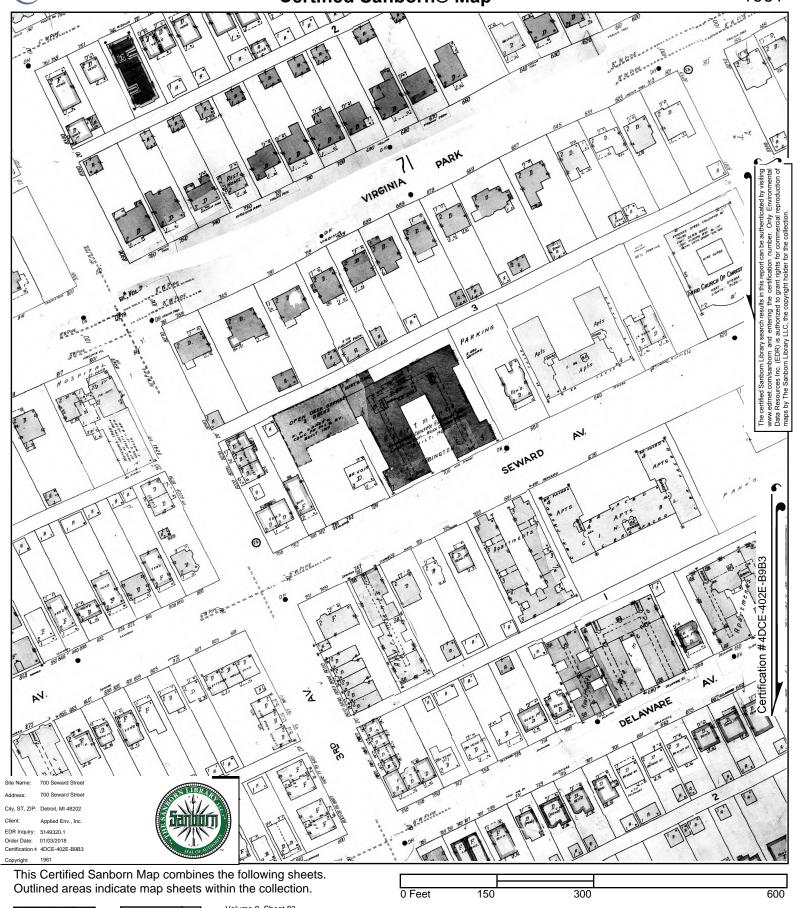
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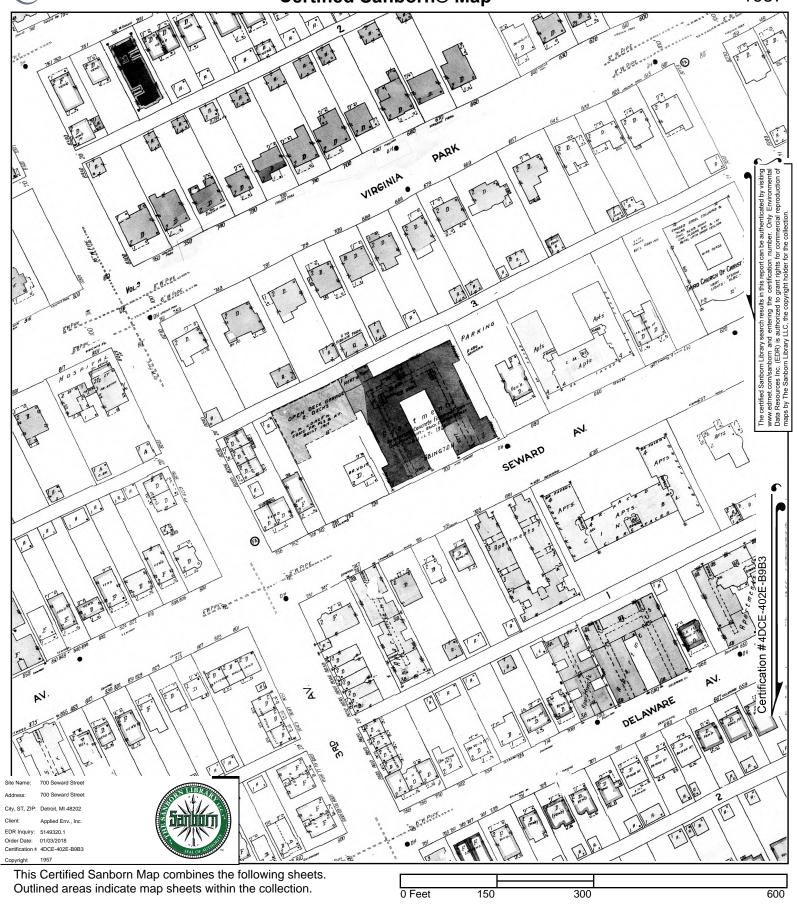






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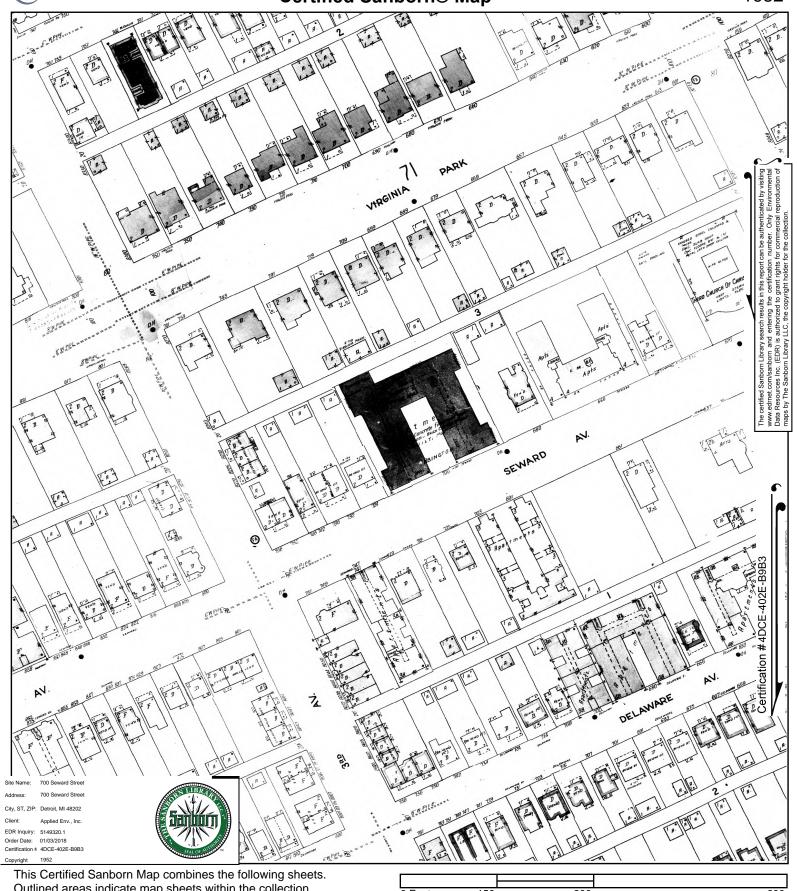






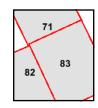
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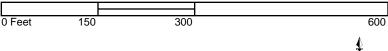


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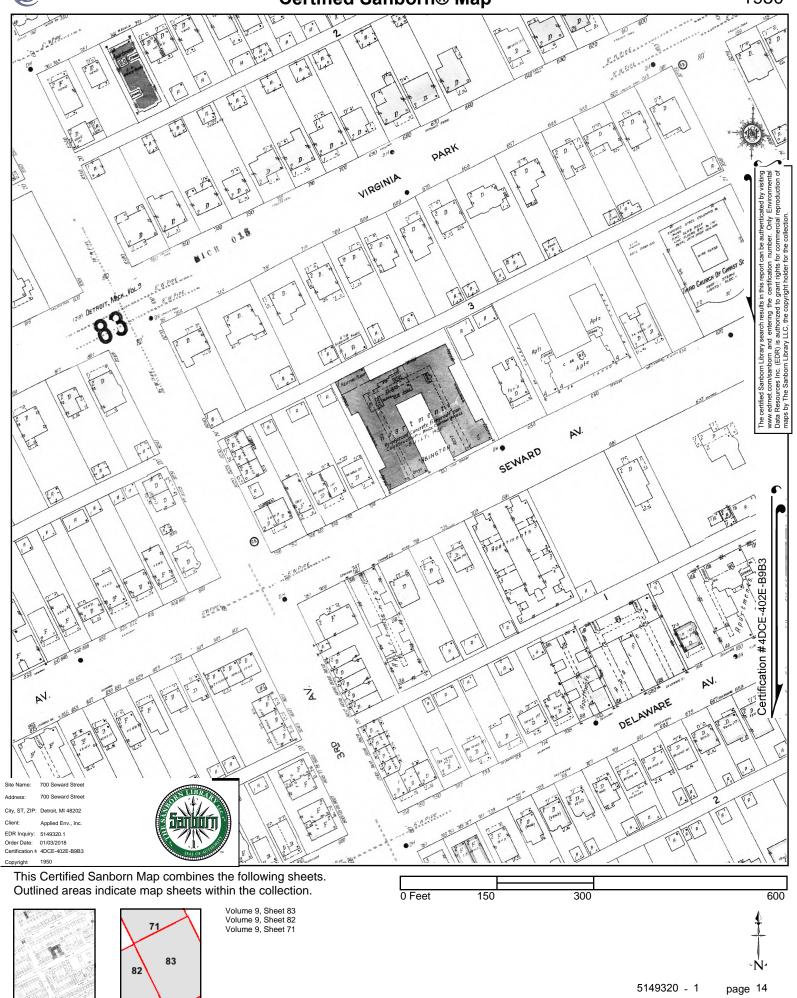




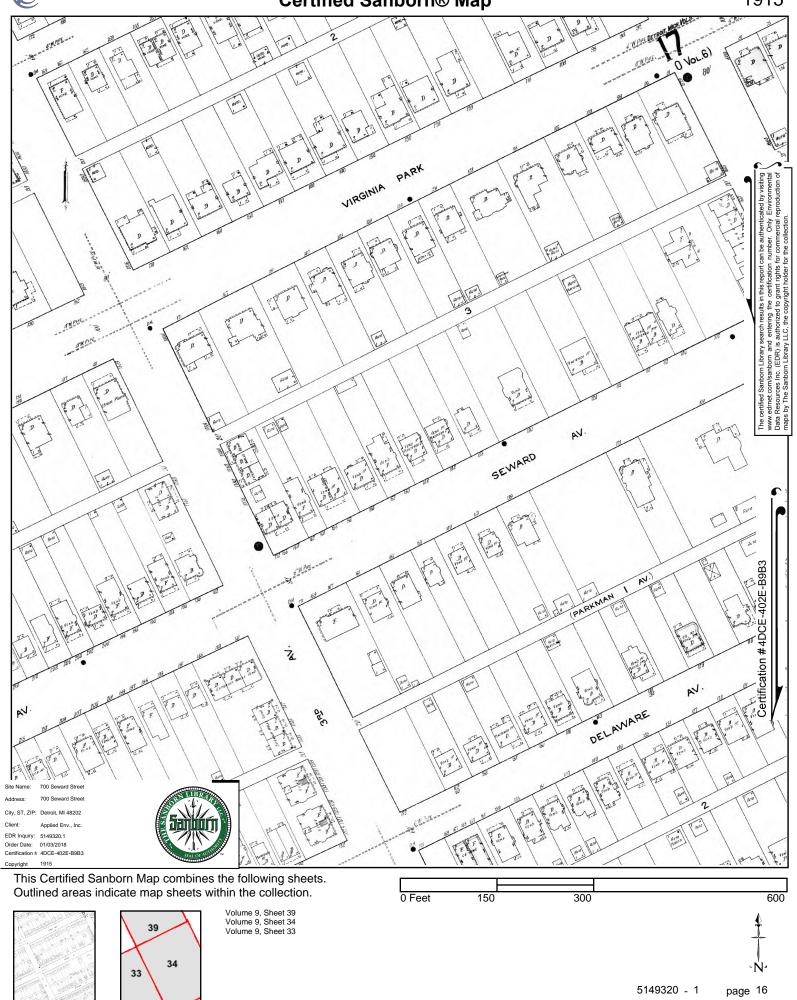
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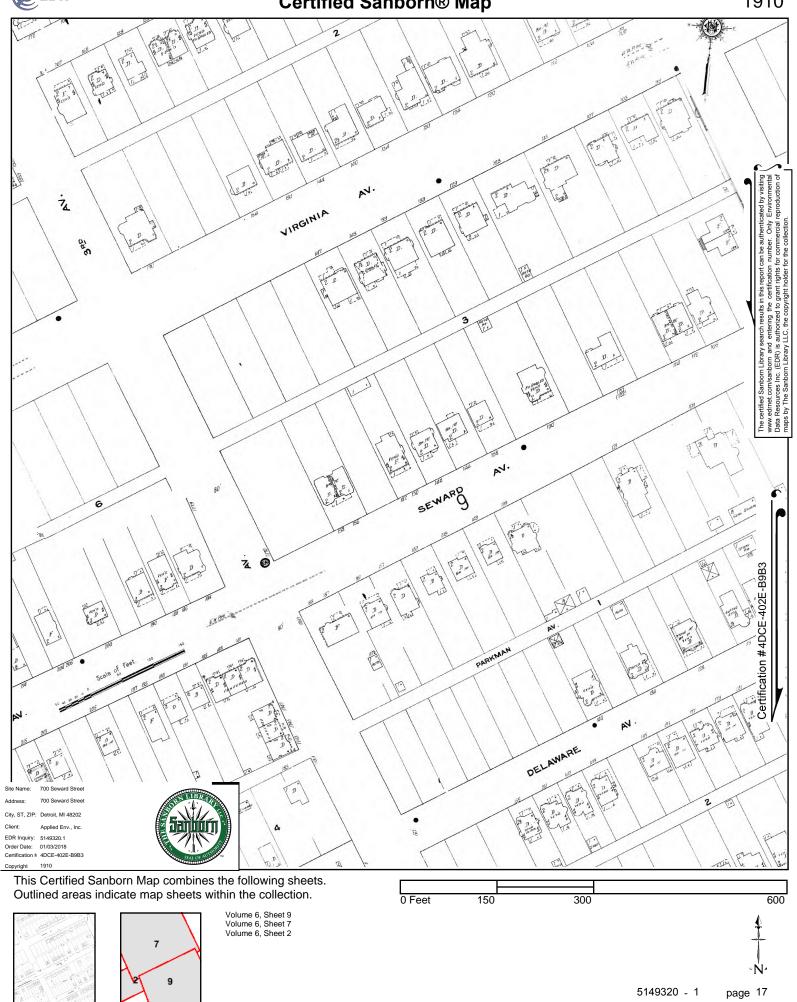












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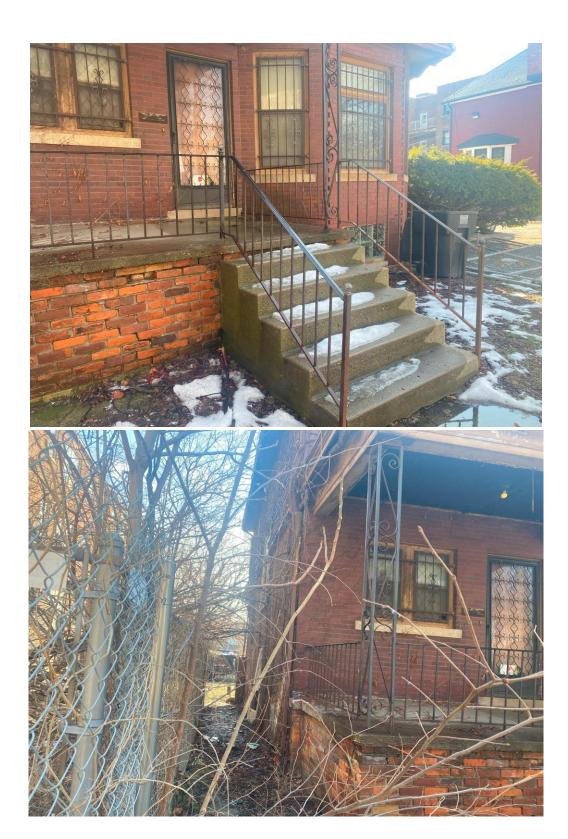














Economics of Demolition vs. Rehabilitation

Economic Data

1. 709 Seward was purchased as a part of 700 Seward for a lump sum value. All properties owned by the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church were sold in a lump sum cash deal. The cost of 709 Seward's acquisition was not broken out by the seller or the buyer. The parcel was purchased on January 9th 2018 from the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church. The Owner of Record is 700 Seward Detroit. The applicant is Garrity Guenther Langs, the Owner's hired local representative. There is no relationship between the Owner of Record and the prior owner beyond the sale of the property. There is no relationship between the Applicant and the prior owner.

Annual gross and net income: this property is not occupiable and generates no income.

There is no balance on a mortgage or other financing secured for the property.

Real Estate Taxes for previous 4 years

2021 Real Estate Taxes - info not on file

2022 Real Estate Taxes – info not on file

2023 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,633.90

2024 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,772.90

2025 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,862.90

<u>Assessed Value for previous 4 years</u>

2021 Assessed Value – info not on file

2022 Assessed Value – info not on file

2023 Assessed Value – \$70,700

2024 Assessed Value - \$108,000

2025 Assessed Value – 132,100

No appraisals have been obtained for this property.

This property is owned by 700 Seward Detroit LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation.

- 2. The property is not in sellable or rentable condition, there is no listing of this property online.
- 3. Feasibility of alternative uses for the property that could generate a reasonable economic return:

The alternative use for this property would be to rehabilitate the existing building and either sell or rent that property. Estimates for the rehabilitation of this property range from \$550-\$650,000. The income from a future rent or sale of the property do not justify that level of investment.

Estimated Market Values

- a. In current condition \$132,100 (per tax assessors office)
- After completion of the proposed demolition \$10,000 (prior to construction as a new parking lot, this figure is per the tax assessors office assessment of 719 Seward)
- c. After renovation of the existing property for continued use (if rehabilitated as a single family home) Based on sales comparable completed in the past 12 months within a 3 block radius, the property market value could be between \$95,000 and \$200,000.

709 Seward - Historic Home Rehabilitation

Preliminary Cost Estimate
Prepared 4/16/2025



Build with GG, LLC

2990 W Grand Blvd, Suite M21 Detroit, MI 48202 313-378-5506

Total Hard Costs\$ 643,362.72Total Soft Costs\$ 37,433.63Grand Total Development Costs\$ 680,796.35

HARD COST BUDGET

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Trade Description	Budget		Notes
Demolition	\$	18,500.00	
Town Doof Dust still	Φ.	7 500 00	the existing roof is damaged structurally and the wood framing
Temp Roof Protection	\$	7,500.00	needs replacement. A temp roof will be required during construction to further protect the house.
Abatement	\$	12,500.00	
Foundation Repair	\$	8,500.00	existing foundation is cracked in two locations
Masonry Restoration	\$	26,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Interior	\$	32,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Roof Replacement	\$	55,000.00	
Roofing	\$	16,000.00	
Foundation Waterproofing	\$	4,500.00	
Window Opening Flashing	\$	6,500.00	the existing windows have no flashing which would expose the
	•	,	house to further damage. existing wood windows are deteriorated, assumed new windows
Window Replacement	\$	32,000.00	-
			HDC
Painting - Exterior	\$	25,000.00	exterior paint color to be within HDC standard for this district
Painting - Interior	\$	40,000.00	
Landscaping	\$	10,000.00	
Fencing	\$	10,000.00	assumed wood fence painted in HDC approved color
Finish Carpentry	\$	45,000.00	
Tile & Stone	\$	12,500.00	
New Kitchen Cabinets, Countertops	\$	12,500.00	
Appliances	\$	5,000.00	
Plumbing	\$	35,000.00	
Electrical	\$	55,000.00	
Mechanical	\$	45,000.00	
Flooring	\$	32,000.00	
Subtotal Subcontractor Costs	\$	546,000.00	
General Conditions	\$	54,600.00	
Fee	\$	24,024.00	
Insurance	\$	18,738.72	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	643,362.72	

SOFT COST BUDGET

Trade Description	Bud	lget	Notes
Architect Fee	\$	15,000.00	
MEP Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Structural Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Landscaping Fee	\$	1,500.00	
City of Detroit Permitting	\$	6,433.63	
Utility Costs	\$	7,500.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	37,433.63	

Seward SFH Comps (April 2024 - April 2025)

Address	Beds	Baths	Size	Og List	List	Close	\$/ft	DOM
509 Englewood	5	1	1550	\$120,000	\$95,000	\$75,000	\$48	32
801 Euclid	4	1.1	1709	\$89,900	\$89,900	\$93,000	\$54	20
728 Philadelphia	4	1.1	1704	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$114	12
743 Virginia Park	5	3.1	3715	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$210,000	\$57	52
680 Virginia Park	4	2.1	4165	\$429,900	\$429,900	\$376,800	\$90	93
Average			2569	\$219,760	\$214,760	\$189,760	\$73	42
Median			1709	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$57	32

700 Seward Detroit LLC

700 Seward, attn Building Management Detroit, MI 48202

3/31/2025

City of Detroit Historic District Commission

2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808 Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Demolition of 709 Seward & Construction of New Parking Lot

Dear Historic District Commissioners,

700 Seward Detroit LLC, the owner of 700 Seward, 709 Seward, 719 Seward and 729 Seward, is seeking to demolish the existing single family residential house located at 719 Seward in order to combine 709 & 719 Seward and create a larger parking lot with historic district appropriate landscaping, fencing and lighting. 700 Seward Detroit LLC has owned these parcels since 2018 and has recently completed rehabilitation of 700 Seward (132 units) and 729 Seward (single occupancy).

It is estimated that the rehabilitation of 709 Seward would cost \$250,000 - \$325,000 based on the total cost-at-completion of the rehabilitation of 729 Seward, a property of the same size and original era of construction. 700 Seward Detroit LLC is seeking approval to demolish the structure at 709 Seward due to the overwhelming cost of construction compared to the economic value of the property at completion.

Through the operation of 700 Seward, we have discovered a dire need for safe and secure parking for residents of the various high occupancy buildings along this section of Seward. Tenants of the various buildings on this section of Seward have reported a high volume of car thefts and violent attempted car thefts for tenants and visitors that park on the street. The other parking lots in the area are secured with rolling gates, fences, cameras and lighting and do not experience the same volume of thefts/attempted thefts.

The construction of a secure and attractive surface parking lot would benefit residents and visitors of 700 Seward as well as 741 Seward (the Deborah), 691 Seward (New Center Court Apartments). If this application to demolish 709 Seward is accepted, 700 Seward Detroit LLC will seek re-zoning and combination of the two parcels prior to filing a follow-up

application for the construction of the new parking lot. It is the intent of 700 Seward Detroit LLC to work closely with the HDC to ensure all plantings, fencing and layouts are compliant with the standards of the HDC. No work will proceed to any of the subject parcels without the express permission and approval of the Historic District Commission, City of Detroit PDD and BSEED.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for information. We can be reached via email at garrity@buildwithgg.com or phone at 313-378-5506.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Garrity Guenther
Agent of 700 Seward Detroit LLC

Parcel Information & Historic Use

Parcel 04001823 – 709 Seward – Existing vacant residential house – Prior use as housing by Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church from 1960s-2018 when the property sold to 700 Seward Detroit LLC. There is evidence that several homes were built on the same parcels in 1906, three homes appear on aerial photographs through 1956.

Parcel 04001824 – 719 Seward – Existing parking lot (date of creation unknown, possibly in the 1950s as the house no longer appears on aerial photos and Sanborn maps).

Description of Existing Conditions

Parcel 040001823 - The existing house has been vacant for an undetermined period of time. It was vacant in 2018 when the property was purchased by this owner. The home has incurred two main sources of damage. The roof structure has been damaged and requires replacement of the roof trusses as well as the roof itself. There are signs of a sewer backup in the basement as well as resulting water and mold damage. The foundation is cracked in multiple places and requires new waterproofing. It appear the original wood windows are intact. The original kitchen and flooring appears to have been replaced by the prior owner. A VCT flooring is in place potentially containing asbestos materials.

Parcel 040001824 – The existing parking lot is in poor condition with little to no grading or proper drainage. The existing catch basins are set at too high of an elevation to be effective. There is little to no landscaping.

Description of Project

Demolish existing single family home at 709 Seward. Procure approval of the HDC to seek rezoning of parcel 040001823 to allow for a parking lot. Once zoning is established, submit a new application to HDC that covers the construction of the larger parking lot pursuant to all City of Detroit rules, codes and regulations.

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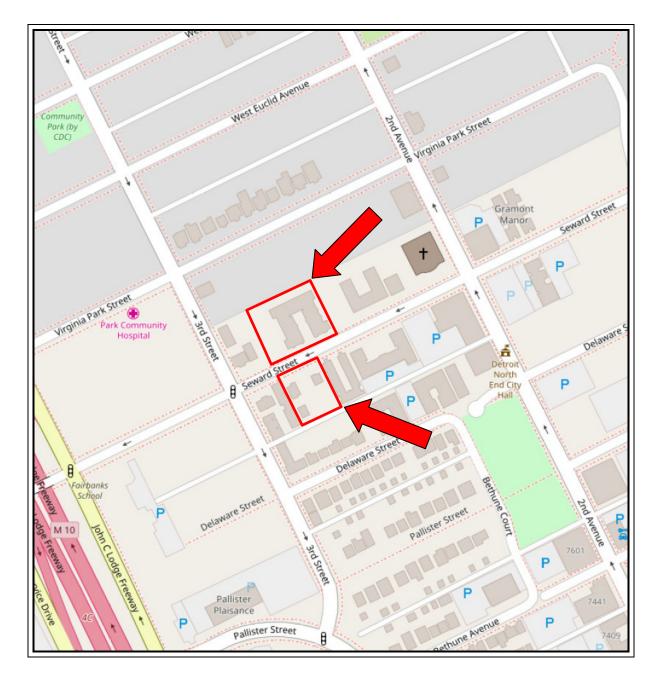


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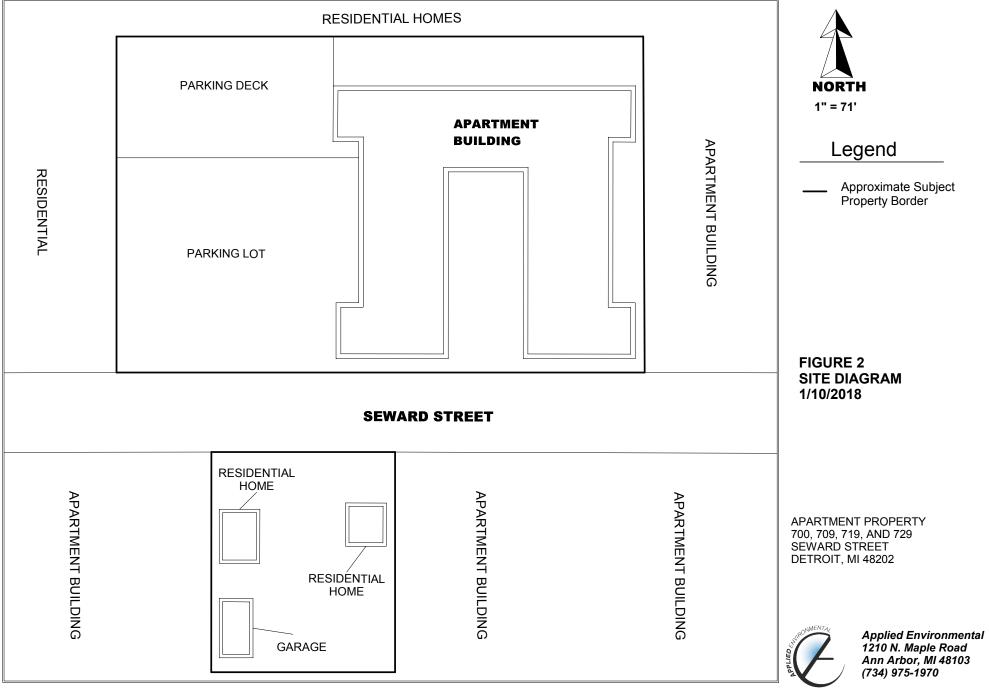
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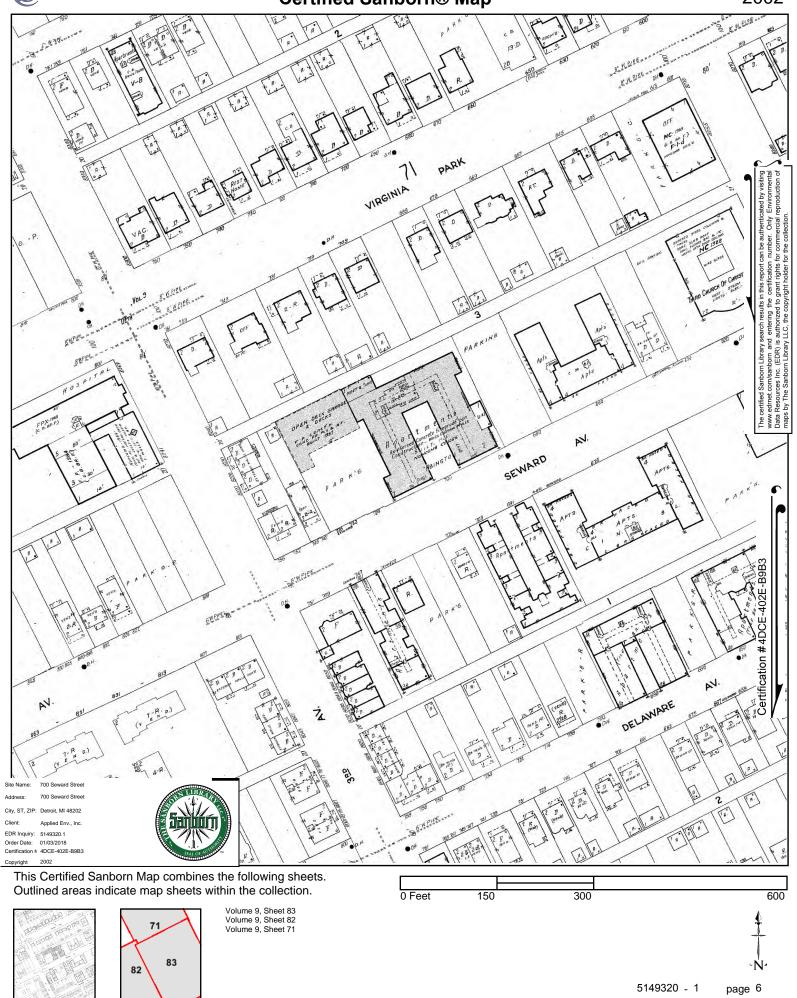
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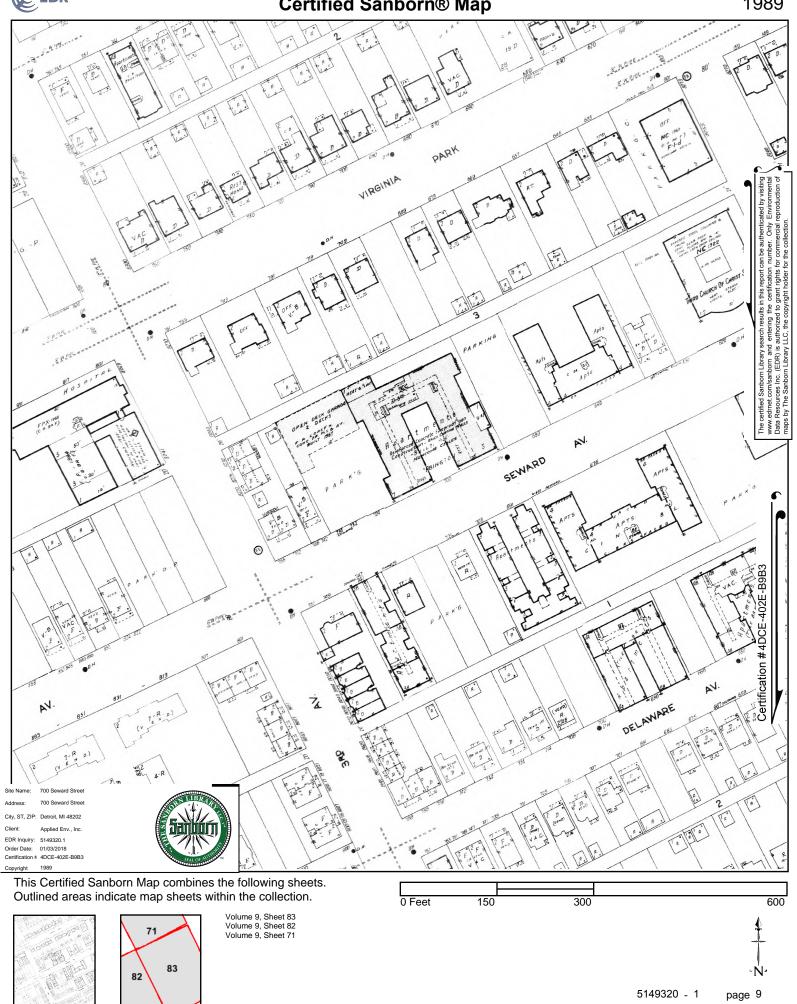
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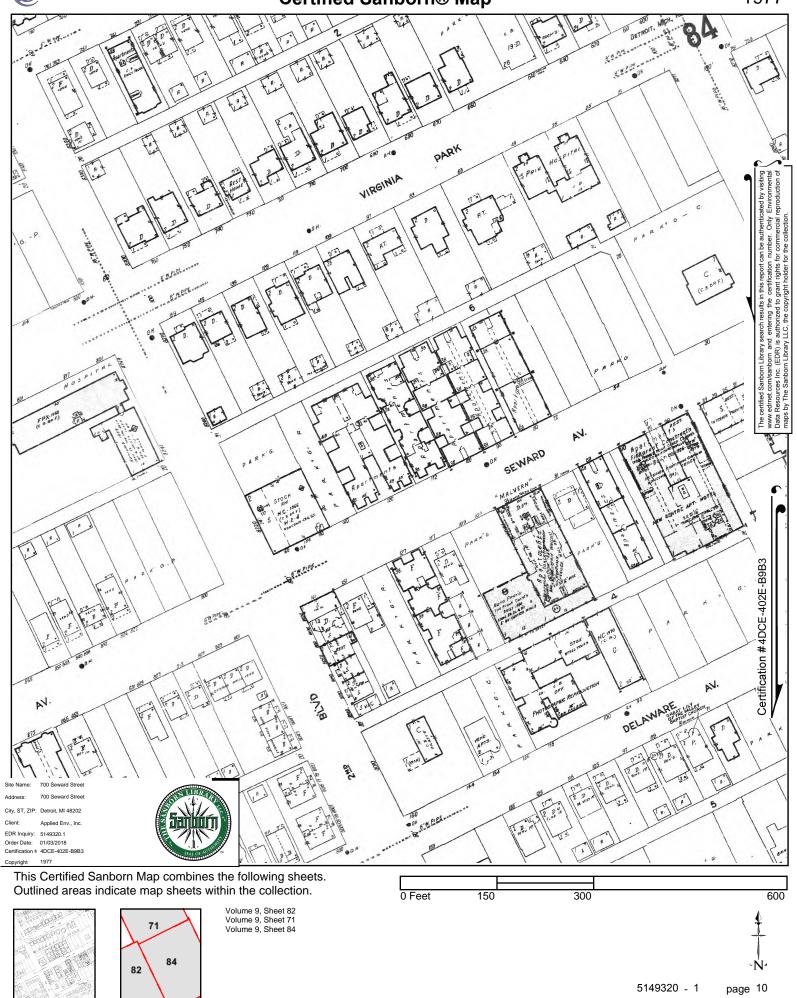
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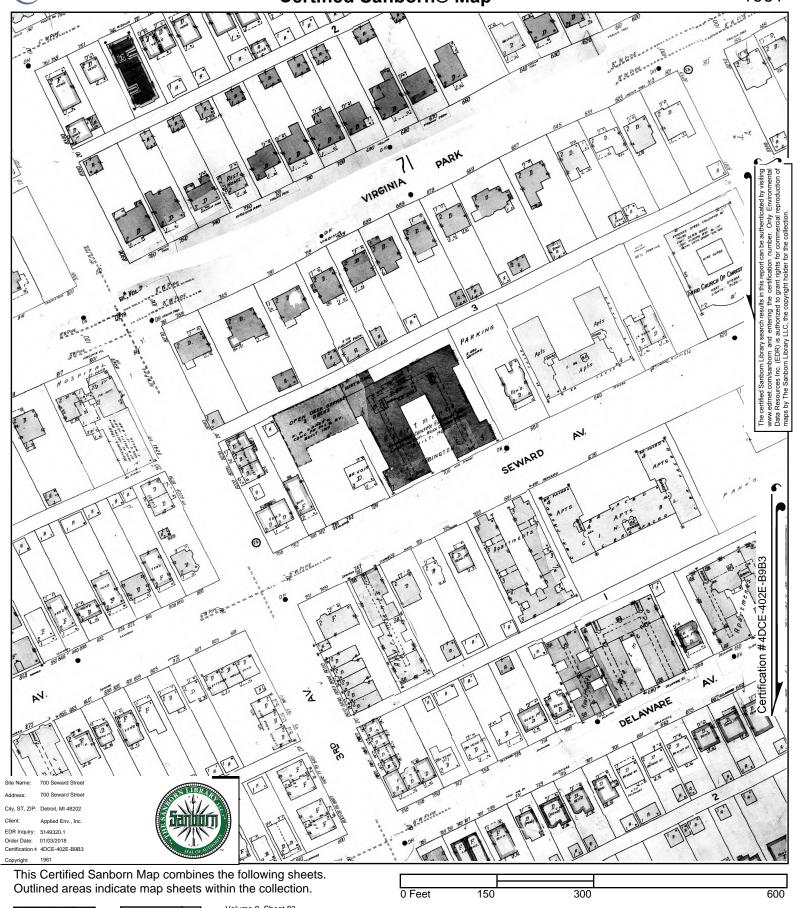
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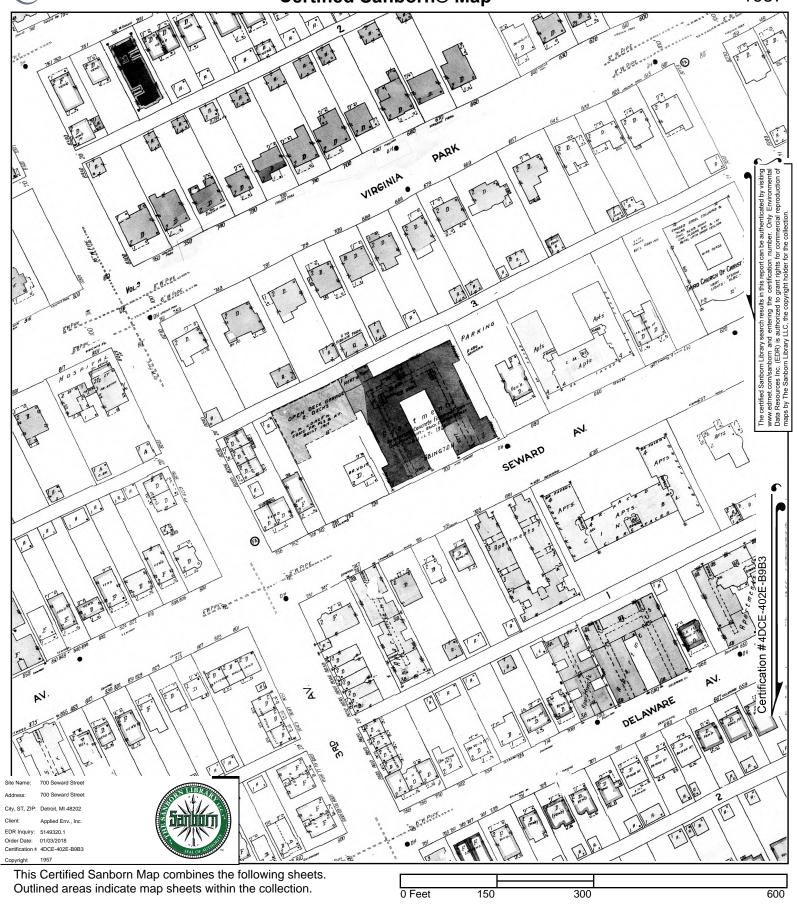






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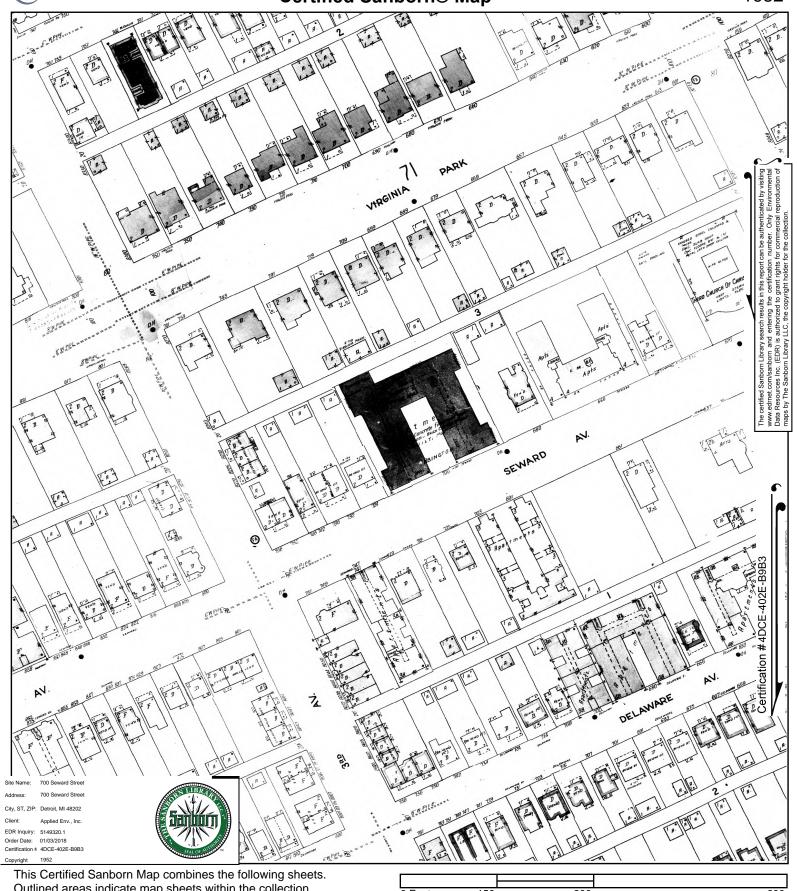






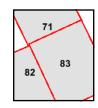
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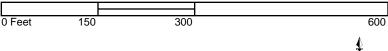


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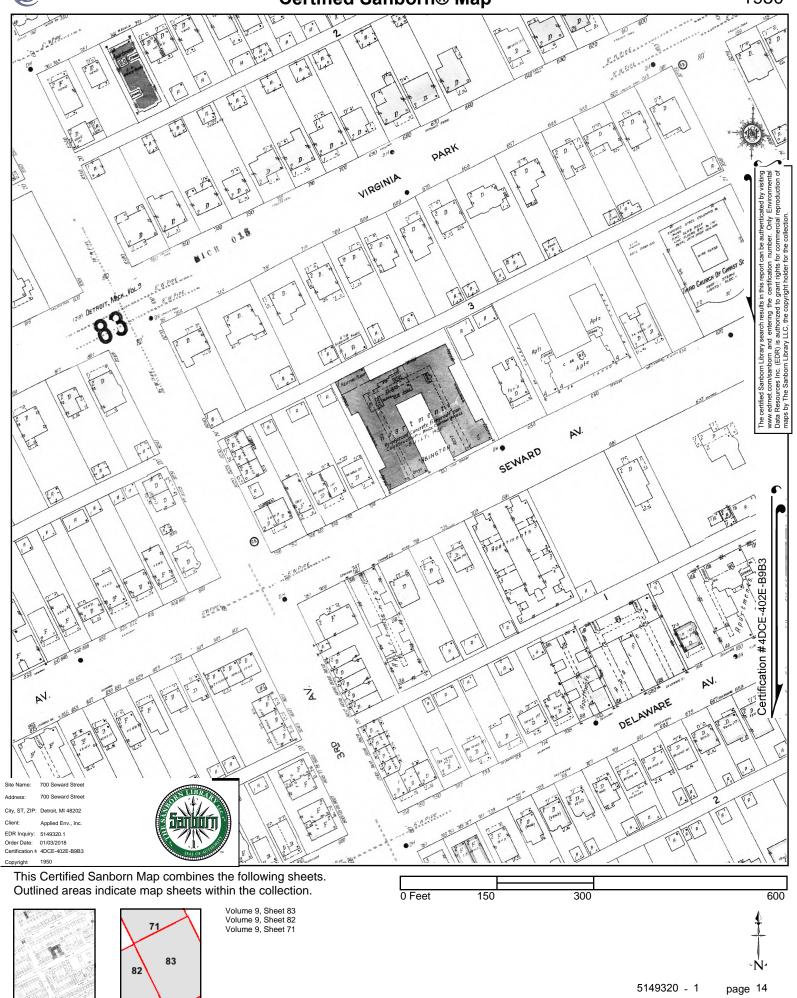




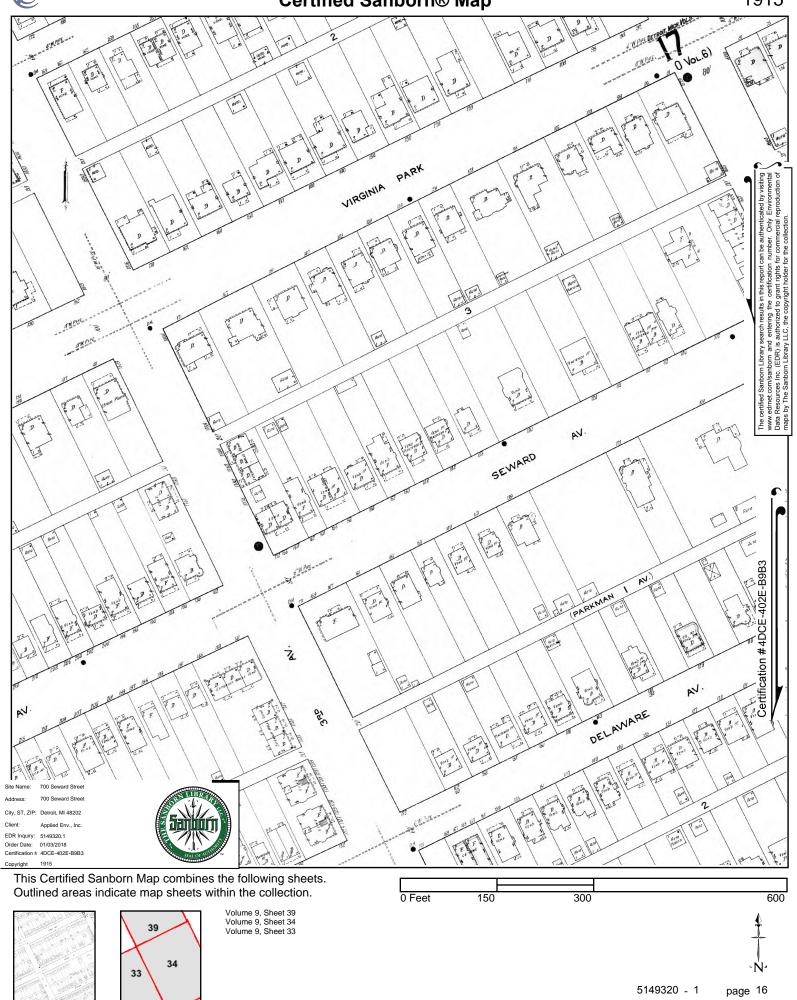
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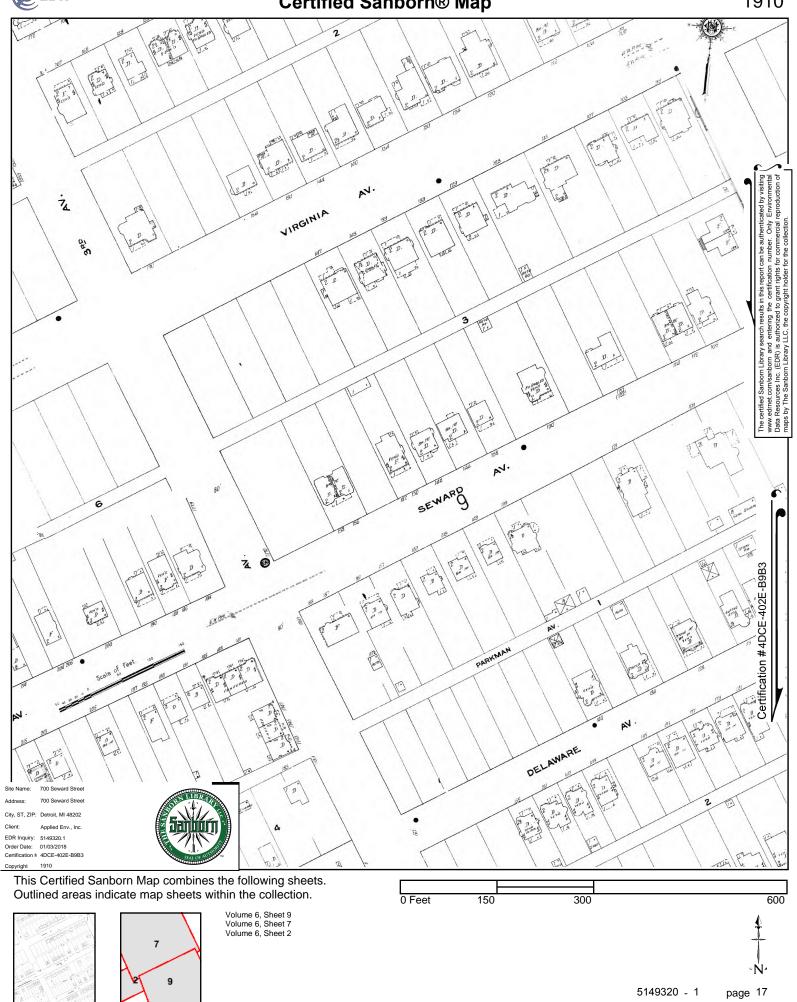












Current Photographs



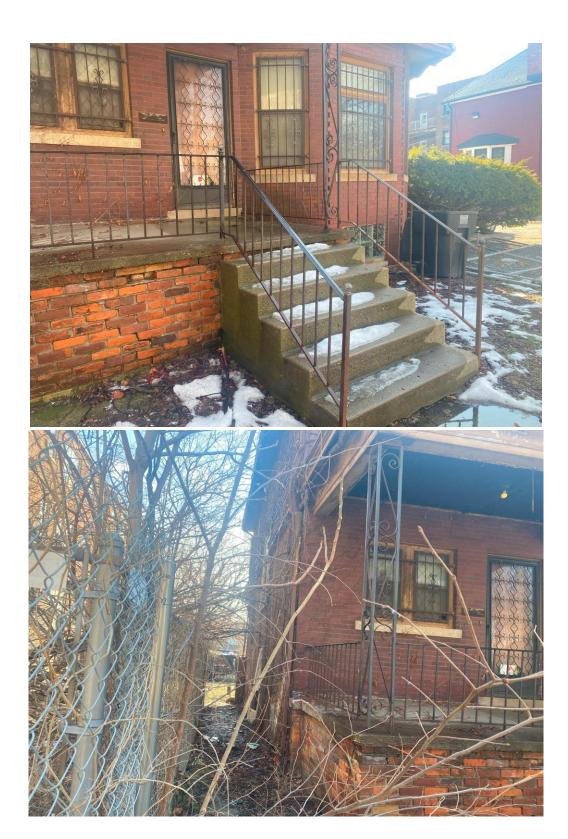














Economics of Demolition vs. Rehabilitation

Economic Data

1. 709 Seward was purchased as a part of 700 Seward for a lump sum value. All properties owned by the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church were sold in a lump sum cash deal. The cost of 709 Seward's acquisition was not broken out by the seller or the buyer. The parcel was purchased on January 9th 2018 from the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church. The Owner of Record is 700 Seward Detroit. The applicant is Garrity Guenther Langs, the Owner's hired local representative. There is no relationship between the Owner of Record and the prior owner beyond the sale of the property. There is no relationship between the Applicant and the prior owner.

Annual gross and net income: this property is not occupiable and generates no income.

There is no balance on a mortgage or other financing secured for the property.

Real Estate Taxes for previous 4 years

2021 Real Estate Taxes - info not on file

2022 Real Estate Taxes – info not on file

2023 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,633.90

2024 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,772.90

2025 Real Estate Taxes - \$1,862.90

<u>Assessed Value for previous 4 years</u>

2021 Assessed Value – info not on file

2022 Assessed Value – info not on file

2023 Assessed Value – \$70,700

2024 Assessed Value - \$108,000

2025 Assessed Value – 132,100

No appraisals have been obtained for this property.

This property is owned by 700 Seward Detroit LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation.

- 2. The property is not in sellable or rentable condition, there is no listing of this property online.
- 3. Feasibility of alternative uses for the property that could generate a reasonable economic return:

The alternative use for this property would be to rehabilitate the existing building and either sell or rent that property. Estimates for the rehabilitation of this property range from \$550-\$650,000. The income from a future rent or sale of the property do not justify that level of investment.

Estimated Market Values

- a. In current condition \$132,100 (per tax assessors office)
- After completion of the proposed demolition \$10,000 (prior to construction as a new parking lot, this figure is per the tax assessors office assessment of 719 Seward)
- c. After renovation of the existing property for continued use (if rehabilitated as a single family home) Based on sales comparable completed in the past 12 months within a 3 block radius, the property market value could be between \$95,000 and \$200,000.

709 Seward - Historic Home Rehabilitation

Preliminary Cost Estimate
Prepared 4/16/2025



Build with GG, LLC

2990 W Grand Blvd, Suite M21 Detroit, MI 48202 313-378-5506

Total Hard Costs\$ 643,362.72Total Soft Costs\$ 37,433.63Grand Total Development Costs\$ 680,796.35

HARD COST BUDGET

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Trade Description	Budget		Notes
Demolition	\$	18,500.00	
Town Doof Dust still	Φ.	7 500 00	the existing roof is damaged structurally and the wood framing
Temp Roof Protection	\$	7,500.00	needs replacement. A temp roof will be required during construction to further protect the house.
Abatement	\$	12,500.00	
Foundation Repair	\$	8,500.00	existing foundation is cracked in two locations
Masonry Restoration	\$	26,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Interior	\$	32,000.00	
Rough Carpentry - Roof Replacement	\$	55,000.00	
Roofing	\$	16,000.00	
Foundation Waterproofing	\$	4,500.00	
Window Opening Flashing	\$	6,500.00	the existing windows have no flashing which would expose the
, 5	•	,	house to further damage. existing wood windows are deteriorated, assumed new windows
Window Replacement	\$	32,000.00	-
			HDC
Painting - Exterior	\$	25,000.00	exterior paint color to be within HDC standard for this district
Painting - Interior	\$	40,000.00	
Landscaping	\$	10,000.00	
Fencing	\$	10,000.00	assumed wood fence painted in HDC approved color
Finish Carpentry	\$	45,000.00	
Tile & Stone	\$	12,500.00	
New Kitchen Cabinets, Countertops	\$	12,500.00	
Appliances	\$	5,000.00	
Plumbing	\$	35,000.00	
Electrical	\$	55,000.00	
Mechanical	\$	45,000.00	
Flooring	\$	32,000.00	
Subtotal Subcontractor Costs	\$	546,000.00	
General Conditions	\$	54,600.00	
Fee	\$	24,024.00	
Insurance	\$	18,738.72	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	643,362.72	

SOFT COST BUDGET

Trade Description	Bud	lget	Notes
Architect Fee	\$	15,000.00	
MEP Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Structural Fee	\$	3,500.00	
Landscaping Fee	\$	1,500.00	
City of Detroit Permitting	\$	6,433.63	
Utility Costs	\$	7,500.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	37,433.63	

Seward SFH Comps (April 2024 - April 2025)

Address	Beds	Baths	Size	Og List	List	Close	\$/ft	DOM
509 Englewood	5	1	1550	\$120,000	\$95,000	\$75,000	\$48	32
801 Euclid	4	1.1	1709	\$89,900	\$89,900	\$93,000	\$54	20
728 Philadelphia	4	1.1	1704	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$114	12
743 Virginia Park	5	3.1	3715	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$210,000	\$57	52
680 Virginia Park	4	2.1	4165	\$429,900	\$429,900	\$376,800	\$90	93
Average			2569	\$219,760	\$214,760	\$189,760	\$73	42
Median			1709	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$194,000	\$57	32